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Re: Inventor(s): Michael R. Rice, Eric A. Englhardt, Vinay Shah, Martin R. Elliott, Robert B. Lowrance and  
Jeffrey C. Hudgens  
Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR TRANSFERRING SMALL LOT SIZE SUBSTRATE CARRIERS  
BETWEEN PROCESSING TOOLS  
Serial No.: 10/764,620  
Filed: January 26, 2004  
Examiner: Not yet assigned  
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Fee Items	Claims Filed	Included With Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Fee Rate	Total
Total Claims	N/A	- 20 =	-0-	X \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	N/A	- 3 =	-0-	X \$84.00	\$0.00
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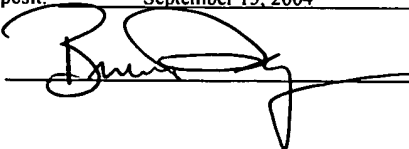
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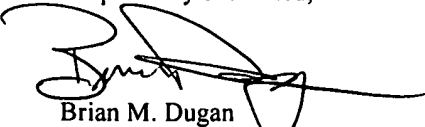
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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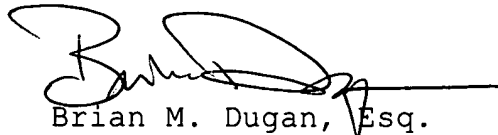
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,  
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the  
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 5,762,544, Zuniga et al.  
Foreign Art Reference No. EP 0 987 750 A1 (EPO)  
Foreign Art Reference No. EP 1 134 641 A1 (EPO)  
Foreign Art Reference No. WO 99/64207 (WIPO)  
Foreign Art Reference No. WO 02/19392 A1 (WIPO)

These references are also listed on the accompanying  
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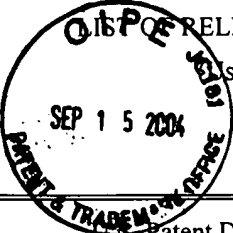
Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this  
patent application is respectfully requested.

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U.S. Patent Documents							
*Examiner Initial	Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate	
	US-1	5,762,544	06/09/98	Zuniga et al.	451	285	
	US-2						
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Foreign Patent Documents							Translation	
Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Yes	No		
F-1	EP 0 987 750 A1	03/22/00	EPO		X			
F-2	EP 1 134 641 A1	09/19/01	EPO		X			
F-3	WO 99/64207	12/16/99	WIPO		X			
F-4	WO 02/19392 A1	03/07/02	WIPO		X			
F-5								

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
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